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Environmental Justice Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

September 7, 2017, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
7th Floor Large Conference Room
401 East State Street, Trenton, NJ 08625

Council Members

Present: Steve Charanowski, Monique Griffith, Colandus (Kelly) Francis, Estrella Sainburg, Kim Gaddy, Joann Held, Olivia Glenn, Lloyd Abdul-Raheem

On the Phone: Yvonne Blake, Molly Greenberg, Andy Kricun, Zenobia Fields

Absent: Zachary Lewis, James Horne, Fatimah Raymond, Miriam Medina, Ted Carrington

Call to Order

Vice Chair, Kim Gaddy, opened the meeting. There were 8 members present and 4 on the phone. See attached sign-in sheet for names of other attendees.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Kelly Francis moved that the minutes from the May 4, 2017 meeting be approved. Steve Charanowski seconded the motion. All present voted yes.

Old Business

WORKING GROUP REPORTS

Water (Andy Kricun)

Focus on two issues: Lead in Drinking Water & Combined Sewage Flooding

Action Items

1. Educate the public regarding lead in internal plumbing (homes built prior to 1980 are at risk), and risk reduction strategies. Pilot Door Hanger project in Irvington
2. Ensure that combined sewers are cleaned and maintained as frequently as possible

Air (Zenobia Fields)

Activities

1. Mapped communities adversely impacted by port traffic and facilities
2. Toured the Ports of Camden, Newark/Elizabeth and Bayonne

3. Brainstormed potential needs and recommendations for report

Focus of the Air Report will be on Observations from the Port Tours, Best Practices Review, and Recommendations for improvements along with funding options.

Environmental Education & Communications (Olivia Glenn)

Short-Term Goal

- Create a Local Community Contacts Database

Mid-Term Goals

- Identify Top “Ten” Things an Environmental Activist Should Do
- Work with NJDEP on their website update
- Link EJAC with NJDEP’s Office of Local Government Assistance

Long-Term Goal

- Engage in NJDEP’s social media platforms

Land ((Olivia Glenn)

Initial Projects that were considered

- Support NJ Urban & Community Forestry Program’s Emerald Ash Borer Awareness Campaign
- Strategize on Illegal Dumping Mitigation Opportunities in EJ Communities
- Support Urban Farms and Community Gardens across the state

Action Item: Hosting Urban Agriculture Symposium on October 13 in the DEP Hearing Room

EJAC REPORT TO COMMISSIONER MARTIN (Kim Gaddy & Riche Outlaw)

A draft outline for the Final report was distributed and discussed.

Critical dates were noted that must be met in order to submit the Final Report to Commissioner Martin on October 25.

Request made for list of DEP Staff who have been involved in the activities of each Working Group for inclusion in the Acknowledgements.

New Business

- ~ NJEJA is working on a national EJ Bill with Senator Booker (Kim Gaddy & Molly Greenberg)
- ~ Placing air monitors at the Senior Housing Development in Camden (Kelly Francis)

Announcements

- ~ NJDOH hosting two webinars on the State Health Assessment Database (Barbara Goun)
on Sept 12 & Sept 20
- ~ GreenFaith will be hosting two programs in Middlesex County
Faith and Nature: Multi-Faith Environmental Education Day on Sept 10
Interfaith & Community Leaders Standing for Environmental Responsibility on Oct 29

Adjournment

Following a motion by Kim Gaddy and a second by Kelly Francis, the meeting adjourned at 12:14pm.

ATTACHMENTS

~ Sign-in Sheets